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CTB MESSAGE NO.251

1. AT NSS WORKING GROUP MEETING ON JUNE 26, STOKES (US) PROVIDED BLOCK DIAGRAMS AND DETAILED CIRCUIT SCHEMATICS OF NATIONAL SEISMIC STATION (NSS) EQUIPMENT PROTOTYPE TO SOVIETS AND BRITISH. BASHILOV, NOVIKOV AND RYABININ (USSR) ASKED NUMEROUS DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT RELATIONSHIP OF VARIOUS DIAGRAMS AND MEANING OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT REPAIR PROCEDURES, STOKES EXPLAINED MODULAR DESIGN CONCEPT OF SYSTEM AND USE OF EQUIPMENT STATUS MONITORS TO ISOLATE ANY FAULT IN ONE OF SEVERAL MAJOR, REPLACEABLE SUB-ASSEMBLIES. BASHILOV ASKED FOR FLOW CHARTS AND MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION TO BETTER UNDERSTAND MATERIAL PROVID-

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ED. FINCH (US) AND STOKES STRESSED THAT THE WAY TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM WOULD BE TO DISCUSS IT IN DETAIL, AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, WITH THE SANDIA ENGINEERS WHO HAD DESIGNED IT.

2. IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION AFTER THE MEETING, TARASOV (USSR) SAID THE VOLUME OF THE US TECHNICAL MATERIALS ON

NSS WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE SOVIETS, AND HE THOUGHT PERHAPS ALSO TO THE US, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE WERE HERE TO ACHIEVE A TREATY. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE SOVIET DEL TO UNDERSTAND THE SYSTEM IN DETAIL, IN ORDER TO KNOW WHETHER, AS A RESULT OF POSSIBLE BREAKDOWNS, IT MIGHT ADD TO RATHER THAN REDUCE MUTUAL SUSPICION. FINCH EXPLAINED THAT AT THIS TIME WE WERE SEEKING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO USE OUR NSS EQUIPMENT; DETAILS OF SYSTEM DESIGN COULD THEN BE MADE FINAL, WITH SOVIET PARTICIPATION, OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS. DURING TH-S PERIOD SOVIET EXPERTS WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE NSS EQUIPMENT. TARASOV REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE ILLOGICAL TO AGREE TO HAVE STATIONS AND ONLY LATER TO CONSIDER THE DETAILS OF THEIR DESIGN. SCHRAG (US) OBSERVED THAT THE US ILLUSTRATIVE TEXT FOR THE TECHNICAL ANNEX WAS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE PRECISELY THIS PROCESS; IT WOULD SET FORTH CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS TO BE AGREED NOW, LEAVING FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING OUT ANY REMAINING DETAILS AFTER THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED. JOHNSON

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